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D. DEPARTMENT HAS NO OBJECTION TO EMBASSY MAKING QUIET DEMARCHE ON SUBJECT. IN CONSIDERING WORDING OF THE DEMARCHE, EMBASSY MAY WISH FIRST TO CLARIFY WHETHER SOVIET REQUEST APPLIES TO WARSHIPS (ROME 3073) OR ONLY TO MERCHANT VESSELS (ROME 2580). SOVIET COMMERCIAL SHIPPING PRESENTLY HAS ACCESS TO U.S. EAST COAST AND SOME GERMAN PORTS FOR ROUTINE REPAIRS. EMBASSY SHOULD MAKE CLEAR WE AND OTHER ALLIES HAVE AN OBVIOUS INTEREST IN THIS QUESTION.

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2. FYI. PENTAGON NEWS CORRESPONDENTS HAVE INQUIRED ABOUT POSSIBILITY OF SOVIET NAVY STOPOVERS IN NAPLES. DEPARTMENT OFFICER DOUBTED THAT ANY NATO COUNTRY WOULD GRANT CHANDLERING AND REPAIR FACILITIES TO SOVIET WAR SHIPS. VANCE

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